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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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	09/942,601	SILVERBROOK, KIA
	Examiner Peter B. Kim	Art Unit 2851

-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --
Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on _____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-9 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) approved b) disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. 09/436,750.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____ . |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
| 3) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) <u>2, 3</u> . | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ . |

DETAILED ACTION

Specification

The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: applicant's docket number must be replaced with the proper serial number of the application.

Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Objections

Claim 5 is objected to because of the following informalities: it seems that "lowermost" should be "lower most." Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

The following is a quotation of the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall contain a written description of the invention, and of the manner and process of making and using it, in such full, clear, concise, and exact terms as to enable any person skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and use the same and shall set forth the best mode contemplated by the inventor of carrying out his invention.

Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement. The claim(s) contains subject matter which was not described in the specification in such a way as to enable one skilled in the art to which it pertains, or with which it is most nearly connected, to make and/or use the invention.

The written description does not include adequate support for feed mechanism that is engageable with a lowermost sheet of media in the cartridge.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person

having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-6, 8 and 9 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McIntyre et al. (McIntyre) (6,149,256) in view of Kokubo (6,007,195).

McIntyre discloses an apparatus (Fig. 6) for recording and generating images comprising: a printing unit (Fig. 8) that comprises a carrier (10), a page width print head (7), an ink supply (38), a media cartridge for holding sheets of media (30), a media feed mechanism (58, 60), a housing, an image sensing device (48) with an microprocessor to control the operation of the image sensing device and communicating with the printing unit (col. 4, lines 30-59). McIntyre also discloses carrier that is substantially rectangular (Fig. 8) with the print head and the ink supply mounted on an end portion and the media feed mechanism at intermediate the end portion and a remaining portion (Fig. 8). However, McIntyre does not disclose PCMCIA-type connectors, the carrier housing dimensioned to define a sleeve for the carrier so that at least half the carrier is received. Kokubo discloses a detachable printer with a PCMCIA interface (Fig. 1) with at least half the carrier, which is dimensioned to approximate a PCMCIA memory card, is received in the housing (Fig. 1). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to provide the printer unit of Kokubo to the invention of McIntyre in order to provide an interface between the camera and the printer unit as taught by Kokubo in col. 1, lines 40-53.

Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over McIntyre et al. (McIntyre) in view of Kokubo as applied to claim1 above, and further in view of Hawkins et al. (Hawkins) (6,154,254).

The further difference between the modified McIntyre and the claimed invention is the CMOS device that is the image sensing device. Hawkins discloses in the abstract and in col. 3, lines 31-53, an image capture and printing system with image sensor that is a CMOS device. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of invention to further modify the invention of McIntyre with the CMOS device of Hawkins in order to transfer in parallel to the printing device electron charges or voltage signal from the sensor as taught by Hawkins in col. 3, lines 35-40.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Kim whose telephone number is (703) 305-0105. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday from 6:30 AM to 4:00 PM. The examiner can also be reached on alternate Fridays during the same hours.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Russ Adams, can be reached on (703) 308-2847. Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-0956.


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